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Applicant: UEDA, Tomoko et al. Conf.: 9668  
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For: COMPOSITION COMPRISING THEANINE

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

December 2, 2002

Sir:

In reply to the outstanding Office Action dated July 2, 2002, the period for replying having been extended two months to December 2, 2002, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 24 as follows

24. (Amended) A method for treating an individual in need of suppressing or ameliorating a symptom accompanying diminished homeostasis, comprising:

administering a composition comprising purified theanine to the individual in need thereof.

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Please add the following new claims:

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--27. (New) The method according to claim 8, wherein said isolated theanine is synthesized theanine.--